IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF THE)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE)
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED)
PEOPLE, et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,) No. 3:20-cv-01039
v.) Judge Eli J. Richardson
) Magistrate Judge Jeffrey S. Frensley
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WILLIAM LEE, et al.)
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Defendants.	

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF PENDING MOTIONS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Defendants, Governor William Lee, Commissioner of the Department of Correction Frank Strada, Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, and Secretary of State Tre Hargett, hereby provide Notice to the Court of pending motions and other proceedings:

1. The Sixth Circuit is considering Defendants' appeal of the injunction that the Court issued as to Count 6 of the First Amended Complaint. (*See* Sixth Circuit Opinion Granting Stay, D.E. 265-1, PageID # 4660- 4685). According to the Sixth Circuit, the appeal implicates Counts 4-6 of the First Amended Complaint. (*Id.* at PageID# 4666). Only Count 6 is on appeal; Counts 4-5 are still part of the ongoing District Court case. In addition, the Sixth Circuit found that Defendants were "likely to succeed" on the issue of Plaintiff NAACP's standing to pursue these claims. (*Id.* at PageID 4677). The appeal is fully briefed; no oral argument has been set as of this date. The outcome of this appeal would have a bearing on whether the NAACP has standing to

pursue Counts 4 and 5 of the First Amended Complaint and whether the NAACP has organizational standing to pursue Counts 1-3.

- 2. Defendants filed a Motion to Modify the Scheduling Order and Continue Trial Date and a Supplement to the Motion to Modify the Scheduling Order and Continue Trial Date; the Supplement requests that the case be continued until after the Sixth Circuit rules on the standing and other issues relating to Count 6 of the First Amended Complaint. (Motion and Declaration of Mark Goins, D.E. 313 and 313-1, PageID # 8057-8064; Memorandum in Support of Motion, D.E. 314, PageID# 8065- 8073; Supplement to Motion, D.E. 318, PageID# 8095-8097).
- 3. Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the claims of Leola Scott on the basis that she lacked standing at the time the First Amended Complaint was filed and because her claims are moot (Plaintiff Scott has obtained her Certificates of Restoration and has been registered to vote since August 2024). (Motion to Dismiss Leola Scott and Exhibits, D.E. 303, PageID# 8005-8007; Declaration of Mark Goins, D.E. 303-1, PageID# 8008-8009; Leola Scott Certificate of Restoration, ECF 305-1¹, PageID # 8023). This Motion also has a bearing on whether the NAACP has associational standing for Counts 1-3 because Plaintiff Scott is the only named member of the NAACP who has been involved in this case.
 - 4. Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the Claims of All Plaintiffs on the grounds that

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¹ Defendants' counsel inadvertently filed a copy of Plaintiff Scott's Certificate of Restoration with personal identifying information, ECF 305 is the redacted copy. The other Certification of Restoration has been withdrawn.

they all lacked standing at the time the First Amended Complaint was filed.² (Motion to Dismiss all Plaintiffs, D.E. 309, PageID# 8031-8033; Memorandum in Support Motion to Dismiss all Plaintiffs, D.E. 310, PageID# 8034-8042).

- 5. Defendants filed a Motion to Reconsider the Order Denying Summary Judgment. (Motion for Reconsideration, D.E. 311, PageID# 8043-8047; Memorandum in Support of Motion to Reconsider, D.E. 312, PageID# 8048-8056).
- 6. The individual Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Certify Class, which was originally granted. (Motion for Class Certification, D.E. 104, PageID# 665-670; Memorandum in Support of Motion for Class Certification, D.E. 105, PageID# 671-686; Memorandum in Opposition to Motion for Class Certification, D.E. 108, PageID# 758-771; Order Granting Class Certification, D.E. 123, PageID# 831; Memorandum Opinion Granting Class Certification, D.E. 122, PageID# 822-830). Defendants appealed the class certification; the Sixth Circuit vacated the Order Granting Class Certification. (Sixth Circuit Order Vacating Class Certification, D.E. 215, PageID# 3551-3553). This Court requested additional briefing on the issue of class certification, particularly on whether the Division of Elections' July 23, 2023 Policies affected class certification. (Order Requiring Briefing on Effect of Division of Elections' Policy Changes on Class Certification, D.E. 273, PageID# 4738). Both sides have filed the requested briefs. (P's Supplemental Brief on P's Motion for Class Certification, D.E. 283, PageID# 6234-6246; D's Brief in Response to Court's Order Regarding Effect of Policy Changes on Analysis of Class Certification, D.E. 294, PageID# 7887-7899). The Motion to Certify Class has yet to be resolved.

² This Motion does not include Plaintiff Scott because a separate Motion to Dismiss her claims was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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